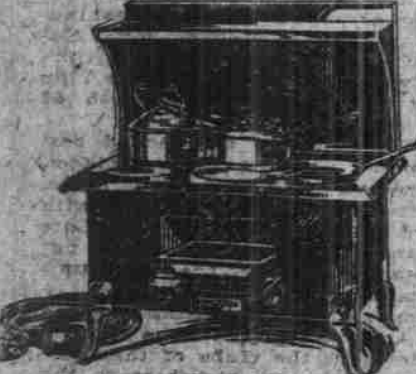


# Watch This Column

Owing to many radical alterations in our store we are compelled to reduce our stock by the first of the year. As the time is very short this naturally necessitates big reductions in our prices in order to dispose of the greater part of our stock. We will therefore place before our patrons during the next two weeks, absolutely sound values and perfect merchandise. We invite you to call and see these exceptional values and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Many of these articles will be listed daily in this column for the next two weeks. Watch for them and read them carefully.

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## TROLLEY SERVICE IN NORTH END IS SCORED IN TALKS

### Members of Eighth District Club Protest Conditions At Meeting.

Declaring the trolley service connecting with the North End of the city is the most deplorable and worst in the state George Seltsam and George Dell talked at the meeting of the Citizens' Improvement association of the eighth district, yesterday afternoon at the Elite theatre, North Main street. Both speakers were unopposed in their remarks about the present trolley conditions and said that they had to wait as long as 40 minutes before getting a car.

"We could go to some remote mining town far in the west and get better service than the Connecticut Co. is handing the public of the North End at present," said Mr. Seltsam. Other speakers who echoed the sentiments of the former ones were W. A. Halliday, Thomas Arnold, Alderman Daniel H. Harrigan and Winfield T. Meyer.

As a result of this tirade, action was taken to circulate petitions for better trolley conditions and to have them sent immediately to the Connecticut Co. The members of the executive committee who were elected yesterday were instructed to prepare petitions and have them forwarded to Manager Charles H. Chapman. The executive committee consists of Attorney John A. Cornell and William L. Reichel.

Attorney John A. Cornell, chairman of the plan and scope committee, read the plans and scope of the organization. It was unanimously accepted and a vote of thanks was tendered the members of the committee for their excellent work. The meeting adjourned until Jan. 2, 1916.

### Schools Close For Vacation Tomorrow

Schools will close at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon throughout the city for the Christmas vacation. They will not open until Jan. 3. Exercises will be held in some of the schools tomorrow. Singing of Christmas carols, recitations and the like will be on the program.

### FORMER GOV. ROBERTS ILL.

Hartford, Dec. 20.—It was said at noon today former Gov. Henry Roberts, 63, at his home here with pleurisy, was resting comfortably, that his condition was somewhat improved over that of the last two days. He is still seriously ill, however.

### THE STOCK MARKET

(T. L. Watson & Co.) Contemplating all the domestic conditions, the conclusion seems to us that the securities most likely to find permanent favor with investors are those of the sound railroad and copper properties and the leader of the steel group—U. S. Steel. In these quarters the basic facts afford more protection from possible technical readjustments than in those issues in which speculation has been running more or less exuberantly during the year. The year's end may still be marked by those disturbing influences—largely political—to which we have lately directed attention, but for the long outlook we must be hopeful because of the inherent strength of the country's prosperity.

### Weather Forecast

New Haven, Dec. 20.—Forecast: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday.

Connecticut: Fair tonight and probably Tuesday. Fresh west winds. There is no well defined storm area this morning east of the Rocky Mountains. Cloudy weather with flurries of snow prevails in the lake region with unsettled weather with local rains on the Gulf and south Atlantic coasts. A disturbance which reached the Pacific coasts yesterday is now central over Montana. Moderate temperatures prevail in the northern districts.

### ALMANAC FOR TODAY

Sun rises ..... 7:15 a. m.  
Sun sets ..... 4:27 p. m.  
High water ..... 11:13 p. m.  
Moon rises ..... 3:20 p. m.  
Low water ..... 4:21 a. m.

Exports from France during November showed an increase of \$23,600,000 over the same period of 1914. Imports decreased \$70,000,000.

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## OUR NEWTOWN NEWS LETTER

(Special to The Farmer.)

Newtown, Dec. 20.—Hiram Lodge, No. 18, F. and A. M., at its regular communication Wednesday night elected the following officers for next year: W. M. Gustave Carlson; S. W. N. Tiemann, Sr.; J. W. Jesse B. Woodhull; treasurer, Alfred M. Briscoe; secretary, Herman W. Oppe; S. D. Louis, T. Briscoe; J. D. Charles G. Mosker; chaplain, Rev. Charles A. Tibbals; S. S. William A. Canfield; J. S. James A. Peck; T. John O. Pitzschler; trustees, Smith P. Glover, Arthur B. Nettleton, Dr. F. J. Galt; finance committee, Charles E. Peale, George T. Taylor, J. O. Pitzschler.

Ex-Congressman Bryan F. Mahan of New London, James E. McGann of New Haven and Hanson S. West of New Canaan, members of the Democratic State committee, were appointed a committee to draft resolutions in the death of Judge W. J. Beecher, an associate member of the committee of the State Central committee in Hartford, Wednesday.

Miss Dorette L. Gordon has taken a permanent position as nurse at the Zion hospital, Brooklyn, New York. Borough Warden Charles G. Peck has authorized the street and sidewalk inspectors to enforce the ordinance requiring property owners to clean the sidewalks of the city. The width in front of their premises on pain of paying the expenses when done by the officials.

The Congregational church will hold their annual Christmas tree and Sunday school entertainment, Thursday evening, Dec. 23. Trinity Episcopal church will hold its Christmas tree services on Christmas eve.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held its semi-annual meeting for the election of officers this week with the following results: President, G. W. Carlson; vice president, G. W. Canfield; secretary, Miss Pearl Canfield; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Adolph Carlson; treasurer, Miss Maude Summers.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Foran took place Friday, and the coffin was borne by the pall bearers to the nearest point in hearse could reach, followed by the relatives and neighbors on foot where the coaches awaited them. At St. Rose's church Rev. Father Sinnott read the committal services, and the body of the deceased was slowly carried along the broken down drifts to the Catholic cemetery where it was at rest.

Mrs. Foran was an estimable woman, loved by all who knew her. Her husband died three years ago, and both were among the pioneer Catholics of Newtown. She is survived by one son, John, at home, and five daughters, Mrs. Edward Keenan of Unionville, Mrs. John Griffin of Bridgeport, and the Misses Mary, Anna, and Nora Foran. On Thursday, Dec. 23, an anniversary high mass will be celebrated at St. Rose's church at 9 a. m. for the late William Donahue.

Many relatives of the family of Michael McMahon of Bridgeport attended his funeral in that city Friday, including a delegation from Court Sandy Hook, No. 54, F. of A., of which he was a charter member.

Miss Ella Little, teacher of the Zoar district school, has the unique record of not missing a session of her school in this blizzard week, 'n Newtown. Nearly all schools closed during Tuesday and Wednesday, and the high school and Sandy Hook held only Monday sessions, closing the rest of the week.

The funeral of Patrick Lerner took place Saturday from his late home at 9:30 a. m. and from St. Rose's church at 10 a. m. Rev. Philip Colahan, curate, celebrated a high mass of requiem, and pronounced the committal services. The pall bearers were associates of the deceased: Michael N. Keane, Thomas C. Keane, P. F. McMahon, Michael J. Lynch, Bernard J. and P. F. Keating. The burial was in St. Rose's cemetery.

Mrs. Charles Beard of Monroe was a week end guest of her mother, Mrs. James Partridge, of Berkshire.

First Selectman E. D. Briscoe and Arthur Page have purchased sleighs of A. M. Briscoe & Son.

Patrick F. McMahon has assumed the position of head orchardist for Newton Curtis.

The services Christmas Day at St. Rose's church are as follows: First mass at 5:30 a. m., second mass at 9:30 a. m. and last mass at 10:30 a. m. The semi-annual testing of the hydrants was made last week by the borough officials. The snow made this a difficult feat, but the work shows the wisdom of the fire committee in putting things against fire. The public approval is their generous compensation.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Foran, whose death occurred at her home, Walnut Tree Hill, on Monday, and whose obsequies were delayed by reason of the severe storm, took place on Friday morning. There was a requiem mass at St. Rose's church, attended by many relatives and friends who braved the rigors of the winter to pay their last tribute to the deceased. Mrs. Foran's death shocked the community, of which she was for many years one of the leading residents. During her last illness, much comfort was provided for her through the unceasing care of her family, especially her daughter, Mrs. Catherine Keane, who was almost constantly at her bedside. The burial took place in St. Rose's cemetery.

### CHRISTMAS IS THEME AT UNION SERVICES

Christmas, its origin, joys, blessings and present observance was the theme of Congregational ministers who combined in an evening service at the Lyric theatre last night. Those participating were Rev. Richard L. Swain, pastor of the South church, Rev. Herbert D. Gallaudet, pastor of the North Congregational church, Rev. George O. Tamblin, pastor of Olivet church. Special music was rendered by an augmented choir and the orchestra.

### The Stove League Chief

Charles Phelps Taft, Cub magnate, Cincinnati newspaper publisher, and half-brother of former President Taft, will pass his seventy-second milestone tomorrow. Mr. Taft is entitled to rank as the honorary president of the Hot Stove League, as for years his name has been connected with much of the gossip and rumors which the members of that organization delight in. Mr. Taft broke into baseball by helping to finance the deal whereby Charles Webb Murphy became the owner of the Cubs.



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